



Mrs. Bowman

Bertha Bowman Celebrates 80th Birthday

"It's just another year even if I am 80," said Mrs. Bertha Bowman, Blackfoot, yesterday in speaking of her birthday celebration Saturday.

"I'm just thankful that I'm well," asserted the slight woman who lives by herself at 444 N. Ash.

In honor of her 80th birthday anniversary, her sons and daughters are hosting a family dinner and an open house.

The dinner will be Friday night; the open house Saturday at her home.

Mrs. Bowman was born October 13, 1882, near Heber, Utah. She was married in 1902 to John D. Bowman.

They lived in Utah until 1916 when they moved to Idaho. In 1919 they moved to the Riverside area and in 1933 to Blackfoot.

The Fall after her husband's death in 1937, Mrs. Bowman moved to her present address.

She is the mother of eight children, six of whom are living. They are Melvin, Riverside; Lida Morrish, Long Beach, California; Le Burlingame, California; Mae Davis, Jack and Gene, all of Blackfoot.

She also boasts a family tree which includes 18 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

Throughout her home, Mrs. Bowman uses the crochet work which

she does "by the drawer full."

"It's just wonderful to have a hobby," she explained, "because when you are alone, you can spend many happy hours."

"I'm just glad my eyes will still let me do it," she pointed out of her crochet work which includes everything from baby booties to table cloths.

"I start Christmas night on articles for next Christmas," she said. "My home, my children's homes and some of my grandchildren's homes are covered with my crocheting."

In addition to her handicraft work, Mrs. Bowman has a large lawn and flower garden which she cares for herself.

Right now she is "fairly busy" with her duties as registrar of her voting precinct. She has held the position for over 20 years.

She has been or is active in

DUP, Relief Society, MIA, Primary and Sunday School.

Mrs. Bowman requested that no gifts be taken to her open house.

